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C.I.A. Chief Says Tide Is Now Against Soviet

The Director of Central Intelligence said yesterday that resistance to Soviet military aggression imposed directly or by proxy was growing and offered the Western countries an opportunity that must not be ignored.

The director, William J. Casey, spoke at a private luncheon to members of the Union League Club in Manhattan. He maintained that Marxist regimes imposed or supported from outside were responsible for a holocaust comparable to the one inflicted in Europe by Nazi Germany, but he insisted, "The tide has changed."

"Today in Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Ethiopia and Nicaragua, to mention only the most important arenas, hundreds of thousands of ordinary people are volunteers in irregular wars against the Soviet Army or Soviet-supported regimes," he said.